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Jewish Center Cookbook Tells How to Cook Shrimp, Crabmeat

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (P-O) —A cookbook published here by the women's auxiliary of the Jewish Community Center contains ingredients which have soured the appetites of some Center members.

WHILE NO OFFICIAL tempest in a teapot is brewing, some dues payers have condemned the book's publication of recipes which call for non-kosher ingredients.

"Cook's Tour," the book, was published in November to help raise funds for the Center. It retails for $3.50; the goal, $4,000, it is reported.

THE BOOK, edited by three women who are members of the Center, includes recipes from Jewish housewives as well as those from non-Jewish cooks. It is evident that at least some of the recipes calling for non-kosher ingredients are from Jewish housewives.

Ingredients include shrimp, crabmeat, lobster, pork sausage and lobster tails.

A "TURKEY CASSEROLE" calls for the mixing of chicken stock and grated cheese. A mushroom soup employs butter and chicken. And a treat referred to as 'Coquille St. Jacques" requires the use of chicken broth and butter.

WON'T USE ELEVATORS ON SABBATH

Limit Apartments to Six Floors Because of Orthodox Jews

BROOKLYN (P-O)—Because of the Orthodox Jews who predominate in Williamsburg, a modern housing development will have structures only 6 stories high.

Half of the apartment houses will be limited to six stories for Orthodox Jews who will not use elevators on the Sabbath. The other half of the housing development will have 14-story apartments.

Many Orthodox Jews here believe that the new development will so disrupt the Hassidishe communities, that they will gradually move to other areas.

KKK Gets Tentative OK for Hall

ATLANTA (P-O) — The Ku Klux Klan, long a symbol of anti-Semitic propaganda, has received tentative approval, via a zoning change authorized by the Joint Atlanta - Fulton County Planning Board, to construct a meeting hall next door to an elementary school here.

THE PROPOSED Klan building, its backers say, will be used for "fraternal meetings and educational purposes."

Before approving the Klan's petition for a zoning change to permit erection of the building, the planning board was told that assistant school superintendent Jarvis Barnes said that the school department had no objection to the structure.

MR. BARNES has said that he feels the matter should be up to the local community and school and that the school administration should not become involved in the matter.

The question will be brought before the aldermanic zoning committee for a public hearing Jan. 8.

Israel's Sharett Thinks So

Are U.S. Jews Isolated From American Life?

TEL AVIV (P-O)—Rebukes at American Jews for not coming to live in Israel will only alienate them, former prime minister Moshe Sharett told a Mapai party meeting here. Sharett has just returned from a strenuous U.S. speaking tour in behalf of Israel Bonds.

Sharett said that appeals for immigration from the American Jewish community must be based on positive rather than negative criticism of American Jewish life. He pointed out, however, that American comforts are stronger than ideology, and only a long educational program would spur any increase in immigration from the U.S.

He added that proper housing and living conditions are a prerequisite to any sizeable immigration from the U.S.

AMERICAN JEWS, except for a small group of intellectuals, are extremely isolated from general American life, said Sharett.

He noted that the establishment of the state of Israel had removed Gentile contempt for Jews, one of the roots of anti-Semitism, but general prejudice and the concept of Jews as aliens still remains.

HE ADDED that this isolation serves a useful purpose in that it inhibits the drift to assimilation.

The former prime minister delivered his views at a public meeting at the Yahdav Club in Tel Aviv.

The hall was packed throughout his two-hour address.

RABBI COLLIDES WITH ARCHBISHOP

CAPETOWN, South Africa (P-O) — Either Chief Rabbi I. Abrahams hit Roman Catholic Archbishop Msgr. Owen McCann, or the other way around, but both were glad last week that only their cars suffered from the collision. Neither clergyman was hurt.

2nd Atlanta Trial In Bombing Set

ATLANTA, Ga. (P-O) — George M. Bright will go on trial a second time a week from Monday (Jan. 12) for complicity in the bombing of the temple here under a new indictment handed down by the Grand Jury

THE FIRST TRIAL resulted in a hung jury, with nine for conviction and three opposed.

Chances of wining a conviction against Bright were considered stronger by the prosecutor's office because the new indictment permits imprisonment of up to 20 years whereas only the death penalty or life imprisonment could be imposed in the first indictment.

THE NAME of one of the five persons originally accused in the dynamiting has been deleted from the two-count indictment returned by the Grand Jury.

Missing from the new indictment is the name of Robert Bolling, who was indicted in October along with Richard Bolling (his brother), Wallace H. Allen, Kenneth Chester Griffin and Bright. Robert Bolling can still be tried under the old indictment.

Guard Seized As Russian Spy

TEL AVIV (P-O)—A guard at the Weizmann Institute believed to be a spy for a foreign government has been apprehended by police on charges of espionage. No one would say what country the guard was accused of spying for, but the evidence pointed to Russia

Agrees With Refugees Says Hammarskjold

GAZA (P-O)—After listening to inflammatory speeches against Israel, UN Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold concured in what he had heard by saying: "I know the truth and the circumstances of your problem and my feelings are similar to yours."

He made the talk at a party in his honor given by the Egyptian military governor of Gaza.

Nearo Star Credits 'Ruah'

Eartha Kitt Brings House Down

By DAN SCHOCHER

The thousands who filled Madison Square Garden listened as if magnetized—you could hear the proverbial pin drop—as she sang in Hebrew. When she concluded, the applause almost seemed to raise the roof. It kept on, the waves growing stronger and stronger. The audience was demanding an encore.

The master of ceremonies rapped his gavel, but the applause would not quiet down.

The songs and speeches had been timed to the minute. An encore would disrupt the program. But the audience would not be denied. Colored singer Eartha Kitt finally arose again to sing an encore from "Hevenu Shalom Aleihem.'

Behind the scenes, an Israeli actor, Michael Shillo, recently arrived from Israel, rushed up to embrace her.

ALL THIS to-do took place at the Israel Bonds Hanuka festival last month.

We first saw Eartha Kitt a few years back at the Ambassador's Ball, to honor Abba Eban. She sang, and after the singing there was dancing. Ambassador Eban came up to ask Miss Kitt to dance with him.

TO GET A closer look at the star who had beguiled us, and to find out the secret of her effectiveness, we went to the Waldorf-Astoria, where she is currently appearing.

Michael Shillo had remarked on her marvelous pronunciation of Hebrew, but there were other things, too.

EARTHA KITT
. . . Knows Her Hebrew

"It's the ruah," she said, using the Hebrew word. (Ruah means spirit.) She knew quite a bit of Hebrew.

Eartha Kitt gave us a lecture on ruah and song.

YOU'VE GOT to get the ruah to sing a song properly, she explained.

She went on to say she had the ruah about Israel. She had visited Israel, loved the country. She loved the people, and the way they had received her made her believe they loved her, too.

In fact, she was so filled with the ruah that she had studied Hebrew and had appeared repeatedly whenever Israel Bonds asked her and had even invested her own money in Israel Bonds.

There are things about Eartha Kitt that seem reminiscent of the Bible—besides her love for Israel. The way she was named is biblical.

THERE IS a well-known personality of the Bible named Earth. (Adam means Earth in Hebrew.) If he had been a girl, he would have had the added "a."

Eartha Kitt got her name down on the farm in South Carolina. Her parents were poor people and the crops hadn't been good for many years, but at the time little Eartha came along the crops were good. So her parents said "We will call her Eartha, to thank the earth for our fine crop."

They didn't know the half of it—how good a crop Eartha herself was to be.

Both of her parents died when she was a small child and at the age of 8 she came to live with an aunt in New York. She worked with her fingers in a factory as a seamstress, but all the time her feet were dancing more than her fingers. She began to do interpretative dances and to sing—and the little factory girl skyrocketed to stardom.

United Artists is just releasing the screen play "Anna Lucasta" in which Eartha is starred with Sammy Davis. Suffice it to say that in anything in which she appears, there is ruah.

That is Eartha Kitt's secret.

MOST OF GERMAN JEWS FORMER ISRAELIS

Children of Israel Emigres In Germany Get Program

JERUSALEM (P-O)—Because of the hundreds of Israeli-born children of the 15-18,000 Israelis who have migrated to Germany, the Jewish Agency will institute a youth program in West Germany.

ZVI LURIE told a press conference here that the Jewish Agency "cannot abandon these children who were forced to leave Israel. We agreed to work in West Germany after much soul-searching," he said.

Lurie said the Israel emigres formed the majority of the 30,000 Jews now living in West Germany.

THE PROGRAM hopes to stimulate immigration to Israel.

Holiday Spirit Engulfs Reporters Too

Jordanian, Israeli Police Chat, Drink Tea

JERUSALEM (P-O)—Jordanian and Israeli police officers chatted in a friendly manner, drinking tea and excahnging cigarettes, and Jerusalem reporters from both nations exchanged memories last week, as 1,700 Christian pilgrims were "crossed" into the Old City on their way to Bethlehem to celebrate Christmas.

RAPHAEL LEVY, Jerusalem district officer for minorities, and Najati Nashashibi, liaison officer of the Jordan foreign ministry, shook hands and greeted each other warmly, and even permitted themselves to be interviewed by a foreign correspondent.

For the first time in five years, newspapermen and photographers were allowed free access into Mandelbaum Square, where the gate is located.

THE ENTIRE "crossing" was accomplished in 3½ hours. Only 10 pilgrims were refused permission to "cross."

Many of the pilgrims took the opportunity to load themselves with gifts — oranges, fish, and olive oil — for relatives and friends in Jordan.

In addition to the "crossings," seven families divided by the border met at the Gate, by arrangement between Israel and Jordan authorities.

ESHKOL TO CONFER IN N.Y.

Israel's Finance Minister Levi Eshkol will confer with more than 450 Israel Bond leaders from throughout the United States and Canada next week end in the Waldorf - Astoria Hotel in New York.

2 JEWISH AGENCIES DIFFER IN JOB APPRAISAL IN L.A.

LOS ANGELES (P-O) — Two major Jewish agencies reporting on discrimination in hiring of Jews and other minority group members by Southern California industry, take substantially opposing views of the situation.

THE PERSONNEL Relations Bureau, one of the two reporting agencies, cites as one of the major achievements of its educational program, the adoption by nine daily newspapers in the Los Angeles area of a code covering help-wanted advertising. These papers will not accept help-wanted ads which use words specifying the religion, national origin, race or color of either job applicant or employer.

"Substantial progress" in the hiring of Jews and other minority groups has been recorded, the Bureau report adds, in many of Southern California's major industries. Integration is "good" in aircraft, airlines, accounting, business machines, communications, electronics, banking and finance, food (retail markets), insurance, oil, and public utilities industries.

The Pacific Southwest Regional office of the ADL, B'nai B'rith, the other reporting agency, is not quite so optimistic — and takes a rather dim view of the situation.

THE ADL, in fact, early in December, filed charges against 25 Los Angeles firms alleging these firms to be guilty of discrimination in the employment of clerical workers. This is the second such complaint in 18 months.

Discriminatory job orders had been placed in the name of each of the firms cited with one or more local private employment agencies, the ADL official added.

IN EACH instance the order specifically directed that either Jews, Negroes, Orientals or Mexican-Americans were not to be referred by the employment agency with which the job order had been placed.

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Says 5000 Too Many Government Jobs

JERUSALEM (P-O)—The statement that excess employees in the Israel government, the municipalities and the Jewish Agency is costing 20 million pounds a year was made here by Gen. Moshe Dayan, former chief of staff of the Israel army.

Gen. Dayan told a public meeting that the "older generation" which has dominated the government and the Jewish Agency should give way to younger men.

Dayan asserted that the 5,000 could be lopped off the public payroll without impairing services.

Noah Was Albino, Doctor Writes In Medical Journal

LONDON (P-O)—Noah who in the biblical account built the ark and saved all living things from extinction was an albino with white hair and skin and pink eyes, Dr. Arnold Sorsby, a research professor of ophthalmology at the Royal College of Surgeons, wrote last month in the British Medical Journal.

Quoting from the little-known Book of Enoch, the doctor, who also does research for the Royal Eye Hospital, described Enoch's grandson, Noah, as a child with "flesh . . . white as snow and red as a rose, the hair of whose head was white like wool and long, and whose eyes were beautiful. . . .

"In the light of this fragment . . . Noah's appearance at birth . . . is clearly . . . that . . . of an albino," Dr. Sorsby said

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Viceroy Sales Drop Almost One-Fifth

NEW YORK (P-O)—Sales of Viceroy cigarettes, which Jewish organizations are boycotting for the company's part in the Israel boycott, dropped last year by almost 19 per cent.

This fact was revealed in Business Week magazine, in a report of sales of all cigarette companies during 1958.

Two other less popular brands manufactured by the same firm registered gains during the same period. Kool sales rose more than 11 per cent, and Raleigh sales went up 7.5 per cent.

Viceroy sales dropped more than five billion cigarettes last year, sliding the brand's rank from sixth to eighth among sales of leading cigarettes for the year.

Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co. is wholly owned by the British-American Tobacco Co., of England, which has admitted that it stopped sales of its brand to Israel because of the threat by the Arab League. Brown & Williamson, however, sells its brands to Israel. The Presidents' Conference, made up of the heads of 17 national Jewish organizations, in a review of the situation (P-O, Dec. 19, '58), decided that Brown & Williamson had a direct responsibility in the boycott.

LOOKING BACKWARD . . .

Coughlin Files $2 Million Libel Suit Against Detroit Press

20 YEARS AGO

Father Charles E. Coughlin, the notorious anti-Semite, filed a $2 million libel suit against the Detroit Free Press, which was in the forefront of an attack on him for his anti-Semitic speeches. . . . Coughlin has no authority to speak in the name of the Catholic church, Cardinal Mundelein of Chicago, declared. . . . The Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, British colonial undersecretary, announced that Britain will neither reduce nor augment Jewish immigration into Palestine until March, 1939, and warned all concerned with the "horrible question" of anti-Semitism in Germany to look elsewhere than Palestine for a solution to the refugee problem.

10 YEARS AGO

The prospect of steadily spreading disorders in the Arab states that attacked Israel mounted as King Abdullah of Transjordan made fresh moves toward annexing Arab Palestine. . . . The threat of two major fund-raising drives in the United States in 1949 was averted by a formal agreement between the United Palestine Appeal and the opposition Committee of Contributors. The COC agreed to cancel its national conference of local welfare funds. . . . The American Jewish Congress charged the American Jewish Committee was "a few decades too late" in its plans to establish an office in Tel Aviv.

ONE YEAR AGO

Northern Jews were criticized for running away from their Negro neighbors by Rabbi Maurice Davis of Indianapolis. . . . A nation-wide storm erupted in Israel when a 5-year-old uncircumcised child of a non-Jewish mother was refused burial in a Jewish cemetery.

COLLEGE GETS $36,000

Mr. and Mrs. Herman P. Taubman of Tulsa, Okla., have presented a gift of $36,000 to the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago, presently building a new suburban $5 million campus, at Skokie, Ill.

WOMAN ATTORNEY GEN.

Judge Anne X Alpern, long prominent in Jewish affairs in Pittsburgh, has been appointed as Pennsylvania's first woman attorney general.

WHAT'S ON THE AIR

Bombed Temple Rabbi to Blame 'Silent' As Much as 'Hatelers'

Who is to blame for "the wave of violence that has swept across our land"—"those good and decent people who choose to remain silent" or "political leaders whose words fan the flames of hatred and incite to violence?"

Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild of the Hebrew Benevolent Congregation, Atlanta, Ga., will blame the former as much as the latter on a Message of Israel program scheduled for 10:05 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 4 (EST) over ABC.

His address, entitled "And None Shall Make Them Afraid,' will be the first of four Message of Israel stop-overs in key Southern cities whose synagogues and leaders have been threatened or actually harmed.

Speakers in following weeks will include Rabbi William B. Silverman of Nashville, Tenn., Rabbi Emmet A. Frank of Alexandria, Va., and Rabbi Joseph R. Narot of Miami, Fla.

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Also on the air Sunday will be "Jeremiah," a retelling of the biblical story of the prophet who foretold the fall of Jerusalem at the hands of the Babylonians, at 10:05 a.m. EST on the Eternal Light program, NBC.

Fire Dept. Removes Nazi Swastika Flag Over Conn. School

STAMFORD, Conn. (P-O)—A Nazi flag was found flying over the local high school last week.

Though the flag must have been raised during the night or early morning, it was not noticed till almost noon.

The fire department had to be called to take it down, because whoever hoisted it on its 75-foot-high mast also cut the lines.

UJA Wins Major Breakthrough

DETROIT (P-O) — A major break-through may have been achieved here by the United Jewish Appeal if a pre-campaign budget conference proposal is adopted by the Allied Jewish Campaign.

UNDER THE proposal, local, national and international Jewish beneficiaries of the local drive will share loses as well as gains, a marked departure from the pattern of recent years.

In addition, any funds raised over the $4,995,000 last year will go 80 per cent to the UJA, and 20 per cent to non-UJA agencies. If the increase passes the $300,000 mark, the UJA will receive 100 per cent of the overage.

THE EXECUTIVE committee and the board of governors of the Allied Jewish Campaign are expected to approve the proposal.

Israel 4th in Food List

WASHINGTON, D. C. (P-O) — Private American organizations distributed 1,714,773 tons of food in Israel during the past fiscal year.

Only three countries received more.

POULTRY DEALERS APPEAL TO PEOPLE AGAINST RABBIS

LOS ANGELES (P-O)—Harried by incessant fighting between groups of rabbis involved in the supervision of kashrut in this area, three local poultry firms have appealed to the people of the community.

IN A PAID advertisement in the California Jewish Voice, the three dealers asked the people of the community to prevail on "the controversial groups of rabbis not to use the kosher poultry dealers as a weapon in their strife. . . ." (The advertisement requested the rabbis "to refrain from using the cloak of the rabbinate and the phrases 'treife,' and procalmations of 'issur bans' as means of gaining control over the supervision of kashrut.")

THE AD was placed by the West Coast Poultry, West Pico Poultry and Pat's Poultry. It challenged "any rabbi to state" that its poultry was not strictly kosher, and invited any rabbi to inspect their premises.

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By REVY BALKIN

Revy Balkin can be reached at UN 6-5059 and will welcome your news whether you live in Miami Beach New York, Chicago or Montreal.

Tourists in town during the week of Jan. 26-29 will get the chance to see Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus, and by doing so help B'nai B'rith The South Florida Men's Council, with MICHAEL SOSSIN at the helm, will sponsor 5,000 handicapped children to the Circus. . . . One of the most heart warming stories came by mail — a check for a generous sum of money and signed "God's Work," as the only signature. It was accepted at the bank with the words: "Every check should be so good."

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Member of Parliament Here for CJA Kickoff

BARNETT JANNER, British member of Parliament, will join American author Leon Uris in a giant kick-off rally Jan. 7 in the Miami Beach Auditorium Miamians will be asked to open their hearts to help the local Combined Jewish Appeal meet its minimum goal of $2 million.

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Talk of the Town

SENATOR WAYNE MORSE grounded in Miami nixed Miami night life to attend an Israel Bond party. . . . Friends here concerned about JENNIE GROSSINGER. She's on the sick list. Happy mending, Jennie. . . . Incidentally, the town talk says that Jennie flew to California with the hope of bringing about a reconciliation of DEBBIE and EDDIE FISHER. She helped cupid the romance and now she's heartsick. . . . WALTER WINCHELL relishing chopped herring in the kosher spots.

Jennie

No Wedding . . . Yet

In an interview here which sizzled, ANNA MARIA ALBERGHETTI described her romance with BUDDY BERGMAN and the estrangement between daughter and Mama Alberghetti over religion. Said she: "If Buddy takes an oath that any children born of our marriage would be reared as Catholics, we could be married in the church, outside of the altar railing." So far, no oath from Buddy who is Jewish, and no blessings from Mama Alberghetti.

The Town's Talking

And, of course, the town's talking about SAMUEL METZ, local landlord — as a Hanuka present he entertained his 120 tenants with a dinner at Michels Kosher Restaurant—some landlord. . . . PRISCELLA PERRY ADL educational director, is stuck with Christmas - Hanuka celebrations, despite the new national policy. She gave birth to a baby girl on Christmas day.

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Along Hotel Row

Sun bathers—MR. AND MRS. IRVING STONE, of the House of Stone, Toronto, Canada, at the ALGIERS. . . . Ditto for LIPPY BERKOWITZ, chief auditor of Grossingers, and Hill and Knowlton executive WILL YOLAN. . . . DR. AND MRS. SAMUEL SLOTKIN booked at the DeLido. She's past president of Hadassah, Lancaster, Pa. . . . HARRY RICHMOND docking his yacht at the Floridian. He'll be asked to officiate over the birth of a new B'nai B'rith lodge.

More of Same

SAM SPIEGEL, responsible for three smash hits, including Bridge on the River Kwai, relaxing at the new Dupont Plaza. . . . Taking over at the new CORONET HOTEL, our old friend SAM WALDMAN.

Did You Know That . . .

Some of the local rabbis in town are up in arms over SAMUEL KLING'S "Love and Marriage" column in the Jewish Floridian. The feud between RABBI TIBOR STERN and Kling has reached the boiling stage with Kling issuing the following statement: "If Rabbi Stern wishes to pursue the subject further in a public debate —I would be delighted to accept the challenge. All he has to do is name the time, the date and the place." Rabbi Stern points out that Kling's column is giving misleading advice which is contrary to Jewish law. He advised: "Let Orthodox Jews avoid heretic counsel in their marital problems."

Nazi 'Cellar' Open Again

MUNICH (P-O) — The beer cellar here where Hitler plotted in the 1920s was reopened last week. After Hitler's rise to power, Nazis made a "shrine" of the cellar.

COMING EVENTS

Jan. 26-29 — B'nai B'rith South Florida council-sponsored Ringling Bros. Barnum and Bailey Circus. Exhibition Hall.

Jan. 7—CJA inaugural. Leon Uris, guest speaker. Miami Beach Auditorium.

Jan. 3—Singles Limited "Roaring Twenties" night. Island Room. Alcazar Hotel.

Feb. 25—ORT gathering. Jose Iturbi, guest. Deauville Hotel.

SYNAGOGUES (Miami Beach)

Agudath Israel—Orthodox, 7801 Carlyle Ave. Isaac Ever, rabbi.
Beth Israel—Orthodox, 711 40th St. H. Louis Rottman, rabbi.
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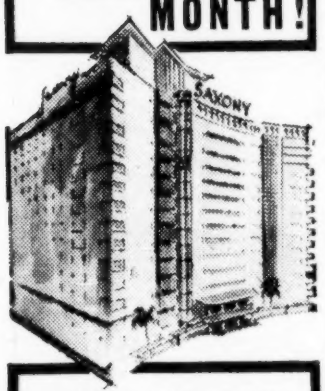

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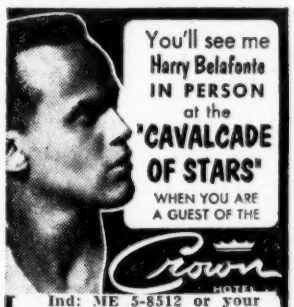

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Teheran Says She'll Recognize Israel

JERUSALEM (P-O)—Officials here expressed surprise at press announcements from Teheran stating that Iran would resume diplomatic relations with Israel

Iran, which recognized Israel in 1948, withdrew recognition three years later, although the two countries have since maintained normal consular arrangements, recognizing each other's passports and granting visas without difficulty.

Your Name

Want to know what your name means? Address your questions to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish POST and OPINION, Box 1633, Indianapolis 6, Indiana.

By N. PEARLROTH

DEAR MR. PEARLROTH: I would appreciate very much your explaining the origin of my maiden name, Averbook, which was the spelling my father adapted from the name Averbahk. My father's home was Odessa.—(MRS. MORRIS J.) DOROTHY A. BROWN, Elyria, Ohio.

AVERBACH (also Averbuch) is a Russian version of the illustrious Jewish family name Auerbach derived from the name of the village of Auerbach in Hessen, Germany, which was the cradle of the family. The first Auerbach was Moshe, who bore the title of "court Jew" at the Court of the Bishop of Regensburg, Germany, in 1497. Some historical personalities of this name were buried in the ancient Jewish cemetery in Prague in the beginning of the 17th century. A great financier named Wolf Meshulam Auerbach emigrated from Austria to Poland and died there in 1689. It is from him that the Polish and Russian branch of the family are descended. The tombstones of the members of this family were as a rule decorated with the carving of a stag or a wolf, a family emblem. The name is also spelled Ohrbach and Urbach. An unusually large number of distinguished Jews have shed luster upon this name.

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DEAR MR. PEARLROTH: I was born in Russia and migrated to the United States in 1910. My father's family name, in Russia, was Elkin. Here in the United States I Americanized it by adding an "S" to make it Elkins. It seems to me that Elkin is an English name, but I do not remember anyone in my family in Russia ever saying anything about relatives in England. Can you please enlighten me as to the meaning or origin of the name Elkin in Russia?—JACOB B. ELKINS, New York 6, N. Y.

ELKIN is a patronymic, a name derived from the given name of an ancestor. The original Hebrew name was Elkanah (God has taken possession.) The name was originally bestowed on boys dedicated to the temple service from infancy. It was eventually shortened to Elkan which became Elkin through a process of abrasion. The English name Elkin is derived from the name of the Hebrew prophet Elijah which was endearingly altered to Eleken. Elijah was a great favorite with the Christian Crusaders who made the name a popular household word after their return from the Holy Land.

DEATHS

John Horwitz, 45, Succumbs; Might Have Become BB's Head

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla (P-O)—John Horwitz, 45, a man who might have become B'nai B'rith's president if he hadn't become ill a few years ago, died here last week after a long illness.

Mr. Horowitz, a long-time national leader of B'nai B'rith and a prominent figure here, served as vice-president from 1950 to 1956, and was a popular prospect for presidency of the organization until his illness forced him to withdraw from any further considerations.

Mr. Horwitz, while serving as chairman of the organization's fund-raising arm, helped devise its single-package service fund system covering each of the group's 1,100 lodges. The new system resulted in substantial increases in B'nai B'rith's multi-million dollar fund-raising program.

JOHN HORWITZ

DAVID A. BROWN

DETROIT, Mich. (P-O)—David Abraham Brown, 83, who won international fame as a philanthropic leader with the world as his purview, died last week in Sinai Hospital here.

He was national chairman of the United Jewish Relief Committee, 1926-28; Chinese Famine Relief, 1928-32; Chinese Flood Relief, 1931-32; Palestine Emergency Fund, 1929-30, and ORT, 1935-36.

He served as president of the American Friends of China since 1933.

Mr. Brown first received international recognition when he led the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee to an oversubscription of a $14 million goal in 1921. He was described by this city's Jewish News as one of the most prominent figures in world Jewry and for more than a decade the most active leader in philanthropic circles in behalf of overseas relief causes.

OTHER DEATHS

Superior Judge **Milton D. Sapiro**, 65, a member of the armed services committee of the National Jewish Welfare Board since 1942 and past chairman of the San Francisco Jewish Community Relations Council. . . . **Meyer Kaplan**, 69, a founder and past president of B'nai Israel Congregation in Alexandria, La. and founder of the city's Zionist district. . . . **Samuel Tuch**, 75 past president of Los Angeles' Jewish Home for the Aged and a founder and past president of the Hollywood Temple. . . . **Moshe Arnan**, 58, director of the Standards Institute and chairman of the Association of Engineers and Architects, in Tel Aviv. . . . **Dr. Eugen Stoltzer**, 70, the architect who designed the Habimah Theatre in Tel Aviv and the Histadrut building in Jerusalem, in Rome.

Prayers For Rain, Locust Relief Said

JERUSALEM (P-O) — Prayers for rain and relief from the swarms of locusts were recited in all synagogues here as crop damages mounted. The winter rains, already a month overdue, have been light in most of the country and almost non existent in the Negev.

The Chief Rabbinate proclaimed the special days of prayer and supplication.

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THE ARTS

Old Vic Acting of 'Henry V' Not Short of Magnificent

By JOSEPH GALE

Fewer than five minutes pass at the Broadway Theatre before one realizes with some awe that here indeed is the Old Vic Co., and that in its skilled and proud hands "Henry V" emerges as a panoply of leather and gold, color and trumpets, as the glorious finale of Shakespeare's chronicle plays

Gale

In a season devoted entirely to the Bard, the Old Vic has reaped praise upon praise, but none higher than in the distilled portrayal of a sober, righteous and godly King, "the mirror of all Christian Kings" and the embodiment of England's national spirit.

"HENRY V" is the logical conclusion of that last portion in the historical series which begins with the two-part "Henry IV," in which Shakespeare shows the evolution of the future king from the rake of East-cheap to the last great hero of England.

After "Henry V," perhaps Shakespeare's most splendid summons to loyalty and to love of country, he wrote no more histories. The play, in fact, is a turning point in the evolution of Shakespeare's art, since afterward he shifted from the external to the internal, from history to psychological tragedy with such plays as "Julius Caesar" and "Hamlet."

LAURENCE HARVEY is nothing short of magnificent as Henry. Much of what Shakespeare gives his hero, and indeed all the protagonists, to say is not poetry, but rhetoric. Yet what shining rhetoric is this—at certain moments, as in his judgment on traitors, or in the soliloquy before battle, Henry's speech rises to the level of Shakespeare's finest verse. Harvey's diction, manner, and carefully cultured play bespeak not only an enviable schooling, but are employed as a vehicle of establishing clarity and sympathy with the audience.

Joseph O'Conor is glowing and worldly as the Chorus, in which Shakespeare spends his magnificent strength in an appeal that the audience lift its imagination to the level of his great theme. Judi Dench and Jane Downs, respectively, are charming and provocative as Katherine, daughter of Charles VI, King of France, and as Alice, her attendant. It is in the wooing scene, with Henry shown as successful in this field as upon the field of battle, that Harvey and Miss Dench make gossamer love simply float in the air.

THE GREAT virtue of the Old Vic, of course, is that Shakespeare is made meaningful for all. His plays are brought forth with an impact generated principally by flawlessly spoken language, one so marvellous that its like has not been written before or since in English.

Even in the static plays, of which many were made so by the confines of the Elizabethan stage, the verbiage alone is sufficient to convey the epic content of Shakespeare's thought.

The cast at the Old Vic is a large one, and we should like to mention each member by name, since all contribute so beautifully to the tapestry of England's national combat with her ancient enemy France. But let us rest with the reminder that the troupe will play here for a little while yet, and that if one has difficulty in securing tickets one should by all means have tried.

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Director Joshua Logan and company employ a device which is bothersome; that is, the use of color to portray emotion.

DURING Juanita Hall's rendition of "Bali Hai," the colors are so many and so rich that they take away from the song and action. And at the mere hint of love, lavender floods the screen like a bubble bath. One begins to feel as if the theater seat were a soft, soft bed in the ineffably luxurious boudoir of some enchantress who was languidly stuffing feathers of pink froth in one's face.

Mitzi Gaynor is a lady-like Nellie Forbush. Rossano Brazzi, whose features and whose singing voice dubbed by baritone Giorgio Tozzi, may remind you of Ezio Pinza, is the kind of older man anyone's sister might fall for. Juanita Hall, who played Bloody Mary in the original show, is a delight. As her daughter, France Nuyen is unbelievably lovely, and with all that color—well!

John Kerr as her ill-fated lieutenant plays a welcome change from the gutty parts he has had.

J. G.

Wolf, Gluck Operas Sure to be Sell Out

Add to your calendar Jan. 5 and 19, when The ittle Orchestra Society will present at Carnegie Hall the first American performance of "Der Corregidor" by Hugo Wolf and "Iphigenie en Tauride" by Cristoph Gluck.

Both will be in concert, the first in English with nine soloists, the latter in French with seven singers.

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The only recording of "Der Corregidor" was by Urania and is several years old. "Iphigenie" is not recorded at all, a sad surprise.

J.G.

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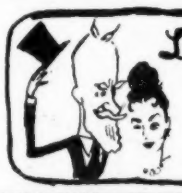

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BY BEN MAYER

Millionaire **Jack Weisberg** of Colorado and Ohio has been flying his own plane into New York daily to visit with his ailing father hospitalized here.

Visitor **Maurice J. Ashkanasy,** chairman of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, here for the Claims Conference meetings, is smarting under a gripe to that world body. Refusing to elaborate on the Australian complaint against the Claims Conference, he did however report that the 65,000 Jews of 'Down Under' are faring well in the Jewish sense; 5 out of 6 children receive a Jewish education and 1 out of 3 are in day schools, anti-Semitism is almost entirely absent, and whereas 40 years ago 50 per cent of the Jews intermarried this figure is now approximated at one or two per cent. Ashkanasy is taking a week off his communal conferences to loll on the sandy beach of the Atlantis Hotel in Florida.

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World Jewish Congress political director **A. L. Easterman** arriving in New York from London tells of his first flight on the BOAC jets—11 o'clock coffee in London, lunch over the Atlantic and afternoon tea in New York, 3:45 p.m.

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When Israeli editor **Uri Avneri** was introduced to UN Secretary **Dag Hammarskjold,** the world's top peace maker was told that Avneri came here to make peace between Israel and the Arabs, to which the secretary general replied, without batting an eyelash, "That's just what I have been trying to do for a number of years now, I hope you have more success than I."

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Charles Charchowsky who shuttles so often between his homes in New York and Miami Beach stayed long enough last week to promise **David G. Ross,** president of American Friends of the Hebrew University a gift of over $200,000.00 for the HU. . . **Phil Klutznick,** newly elected chairman of the Board of AFHU, will soon make his debut with that organization at a public function honoring **Moe Leavitt** of JDC. HU executive director Bernard Cherrick will fly in from Israel for the meetings.

Klutznick

Leavitt

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Isidore Sobeloff, executive director of Detroit's Jewish Welfare Federation, asked at the UJA conference about his brother's (Judge Simon Sobeloff) chances for ascending to the Supreme Court in case Judge Frankfurter resigns, replied that he had put the same question to his brother, who now sits on the U. S. District Court of Appeals. Judge Sobeloff's answer was that he was such a close friend of Justice Frankfurter that he would not discuss the question, even with his brother.

Sobeloff

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Shoshana Damari, appearing at the Sabra nightclub here was rushed to Mt. Sinai hospital with an attack of appendicitis. Her place on the bill was filled by the vibrant Oranim Folksingers. Shoshana is already back at her job. No operation necessary.

James MacArthur, son of **Helen Hays,** was signed to play opposite **Sessue Hayakawa** in **Shimon Wincelberg's** play "Kataki" scheduled for Broadway in early '59. . . . The box office of "Look Back In Anger" called the office of the National Jewish Post and asked the paper to inform its readers that the discount coupon advertisement (see opposite page) was quite legitimate. Two readers who brought the coupon to the box office thought it was a gag and were surprised to receive the discount.

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COMING EVENTS

Friday-Sunday, Jan. 9-11. **Israel Bonds campaign conference,** with Israel's Finance Minister Levi Eshkol. Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

LECTURES and SYMPOSIUMS

Monday, Jan. 5, 8 p.m. **"Judaism in the Contemporary World: The Function of Religion in Today's Society."** Class led by Dr. Samuel J. B. Wolk. Community house of Congregation Emanu-El, 1 E. 65th St. Admission free.

Monday, Jan. 5, 8 p.m. **"America as a Civilization: A Revolution in Morals?"** Class led by Dr. Robert M. Goldenson. Community House of Congregation Emanu-El. Admission free.

Monday, Jan. 5, 8 p.m. **"Judaism's Answer to Persistant Questions: The Hanuka-Christmas Controversy."** Class led by Rabbi Emanuel Rose, community house of Congregation Emanu-El. Admission free.

Monday, Jan. 5, 9 p.m. **"Contemporary Religious Problems: Does Reason Lead to God?"** Class led by Dr. Eugene B. Borowitz, community house of Congregation Emanu-El, 1 E. 65th St. Admission free.

Monday, Jan. 5, 8:30 p.m. **"Israel Kaleidoscope: The Sabra and His World."** Lecture by Dr. A. Etzioni of Columbia University department of sociology. Admission free.

Monday, Jan. 5, 9 p.m. **"Job—Why the Good Suffer."** Book review by Dr. Robert Gordis, associate professor of Bible at the Jewish Theological seminary. Inwood Hebrew Congregation, 111 Vermilyea Ave. Admission $1.

Monday, Jan. 5, 8:30 p.m. **"Modern Attitudes Toward Prayer."** Lecture by Rabbi Jack J. Cohen. Society for the Advancement of Judaism, 15 W. 86th St. Services held Saturday morning at 10:15 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 5, 6:15 p.m. **"Early History of the Hebrews."** Lecture by Rabbi Arthur A. Chiel. YM-YWHA, 92d St. and Lexington Ave. Admission $1.

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 8:30 p.m. **"Opportunities in Jewish Community Careers: So You Want to Be a Rabbi."** A new series of experimental sessions in Jewish community service, with Walter Ducat, supervisor of the vocational guidance division of the New York Federation Employment and Guidance Service and author of **ish Magazine Forum."** Lecligious Vocations." Theodor Herzl Institute, 250 W. 57th St. Admission free.

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 8:30 p.m. **"Jewish Magazine Forum."** Lecture by the editor of Commentary magazine. YM-YWHA, 92d St. and Lexington Ave Admission $1.

Tuesday, Jan. 6, 6:15 p.m. **"Jewish Values in a Changing World."** Lecture by Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin. YM-YWHA 92d St. and Lexington Ave Admission free.

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 8 p.m. **Talmud "She'ur."** Lecture on halahic problems of shmitta today by Rabbi Judah Gershuni. Theodor Herzl Institute. Admission free.

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 6:45 p.m. **"Talmud for All."** Lecture by Dr. Eliezer Kirzner. Theodor Herzl Institute. Admission free.

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 8:30 p.m. **Midweek Forum: The Position of the Woman in Jewish Law Today."** Discussion by Jane Evans, Rabbi Aaron Blumenthal, and Rabbi Zivi Tabory. Theodore Herzl Institute. Admission free.

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m. **"History of Jewish Civilization."** Lecture by Dr. Meyer Kreever. YM-YWHA, 92d St. and Lexington Ave. Admission $1.

Thursday, Jan. 8, 6:45 p.m. **"The Bible in the Light of Archaeology."** Lecture by Dr. Joseph Kaster. Theodor Herzl Institute. Admission 75 cents.

Thursday, Jan. 8, 8:30 p.m. **Film Forum: "Citadel"—The Story of the Hebrew University.** Theodor Herzl Institute. Admission 25 cents.

Thursday, Jan. 8, 6:15 p.m. **"New Light on the Bible."** Lecby Dr. Theodore H. Gaster. YM-YWHA, 92d St. and Lexington Ave. Admission $1.

THEATRE and MUSIC

Sunday, Jan. 4, 3 p.m. **Recital by Shimon Mishory,** Israeli violinist. Carnegie Recital Hall.

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Art Exhibit: Paintings and Monotypes by Joshua Bauernfreund of Tel Aviv. Exhibit open to the public Jan. 7-29. 7-29. Theodor Herzl Institute. Theodor Herzl Institute, 250 W. 57th St.

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'TEACHER'S DAY' SET

"Teacher's Day," a new observance to take place annually during the week of Lag Baomer (May 26 in 1959) historically known as "The Scholar's Holiday," was proclaimed last week by the board of governors of the American Association of Jewish Education.

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WHAT FOODS THESE MORSELS BE

SARAH WELCOMES NEW YEAR BY INTRODUCING KOSHER CHINESE FOODS

By SARAH LIEBER

At the beginning of a new calendar year, it is customary for many of us to make a number of "good resolutions." We take stock of the year just finished and endeavor to change what we can for the coming year. Of course, you might say, "why do this on Jan. 1? Isn't every day the beginning of a new year?" And indeed it is.

Sarah

But we lead busy lives and often fail to take time out to count our blessings, to learn new ideas, to make important philosophical judgments. And so I am making a few resolutions. I hope you are, too.

REMEMBER when you make these resolves, it is easier to carry through if we don't select the unattainable to aim for, but something more realistic and closer to home.

I resolve to try to be a more patient wife and mother, and to keep my reactions more carefully concealed so as not to hurt my dear ones' feelings when we don't see eye to eye. . . . I resolve to be the best balabosta I can, taking advantage of the many new ideas and gadgets made for our modern use by those trained for the job. . . . I resolve to try out a new dish, a new recipe, or a new way of serving the old favorites as a regular practice. . . . I resolve to pay the utmost attention to the food values, the nutrients and vitamins of all that I feed the family. For the job of providing the wholesome nutrition is up to the mother. . . . And I resolve to do the very best possible job I can in this column, so that my readers may have the advantage of the food news I am able to pass on to them.

A NEW LINE of kosher convenience foods has come to my attention. I am happy to tell you about it. This is the Croyden House line of quick-cooking Chinese style foods. The line is put out by Blue Ribbon Foods, Inc., of Suffern, N. Y., and is widely distributed.

All three varieties are very quickly prepared, and are certified kosher and parve. These are: Chow Mein, without noodles; Chinese Fried Rice, and the new Chow Mein dinner, which contains in one easily stored box, the main dish along with noodles and soy sauce.

The producers suggest that you add leftover meat or fish for variety. I use some fresh mushrooms, a little leftover cooked vegetable, and some chicken wings for one way of serving. Below are some other suggestions.

CHICKEN CHOW MEIN

½ cup shredded cooked canned or fresh chicken
3 cups clear chicken soup or other meat stock
1 package Croyden House Chow Mein Dinner
½ cup canned or fresh mushrooms

Cook the mushrooms in the soup stock, then add the chow mein and cook as directed on the package, adding chicken during the last three minutes of cooking. Reserve a few slices for garnish. Serves 2 to 3.

CHOW MEIN OMELET

1 package Croyden House Chow Mein (without noodles)
4 eggs, separated
shortening or butter

Prepare the chow mein according to the package directions. Let stand while beating the eggs. Beat the whites until stiff but not dry, then fold in the lightly beaten yolks. Turn into a greased omelet pan or skillet. Cook until almost firm Add chow mein. Cook only enough to warm throughout Turn onto a warm platter, and fold over chow mein center. Serves 2 to 4.

TUNA OR SALMON CHOW MEIN

1 7-oz. can tuna or salmon
1 package Croyden House Chow Mein Dinner
1 small can mushrooms

Scald the tuna or salmon in hot water to remove oil. Drain well. Prepare chow mein as directed on package adding fish three minutes before the end of the suggested cooking time. Add mushrooms, reserving a few perfect slices or buttons as garnish. Place on warmed platter with noodles as a border. Serves two to three.

QUICK POTATO MILK SOUP

1 quart milk
⅔ cup finely diced raw potato
2 tblsps. finely chopped onion
1 tblsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper (optional)
2 tblsps. butter or margarine
¼ tsp. nutmeg
½ cup chopped celery leaves

Combine all ingredients in a heavy saucepan. Bring the mixture to a boil; lower heat and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring often. Let stand for 20 minutes to blend flavors, then reheat to serve. Garnish with chopped parsely, Chinese style noodles or garlic croutons Serves six.

QUICK SARDINE AND EGG APPETIZER

1 3¼-oz. can sardines
½ cup grated egg yolk
1 tblsp. lemon juice
¼ cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
crackers, toast, matzo or bread
paprika for garnish

Drain the sardines and flake. Combine all ingredients except crackers or other base. Blend into a paste, using fork. Spread on crackers or other bases. Sprinkle with paprika. May be broiled under flame if hot canapes are desired. Serve at once. Or use as a dip, cold.

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A Word to the Wives

When you try out new recipes, don't experiment at a time when you are having guests. Try out one dish at a time on the family. But be sure to give them one old favorite at the same meal . . . just in case!

A little imagination in combining foods will yield praiseworthy results. For example. in using canned vegetables try to combine them, and add a little flavor improver like Accent. A good combination is tiny canned onions with canned peas or green beans. Add some herbs, to your taste, and you will be considered a gourmet cook.

Israeli Firm Ready To Make TV Sets

HERZLIYA, Israel (P-O) -- An Israeli firm demonstrated here last week that television sets could be produced in Israel immediately, if a TV transmitter were put into operation

The set demonstrated, a 17-inch receiver produced by the Amron Co., was assembled in Israel out of parts, except for the picture tube, made almost entire in Israel.

WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT

Even Short Thank You Notes More Considerate than Cards

By HELEN COHEN

I've probably expressed myself before on the subject of sending thank-you notes. Something about it being more considerate to write a personal note, however short, rather than even the most beautiful of printed messages.

I still feel that way, except when it comes time to send both a condolence card and a thank-you note in return from the mourners. At that time, it is so hard to know just what to say, and for the mourner, such an added burden to express his thanks in writing, that the printed card comes really as a blessing.

We'll Take a Bathroom To Television Any Time

In an industrial town in England, a survey of 200 families disclosed that three had bathtubs; six, hot water; four, their own toilets, and 125, television sets, according to a piece in Time magazine.

Of course, here in America, there is more of a tendency for even the poor family to include a bath room in its list of basic necessities, but it gives one to wonder what, these days, is considered basic, when, as in a Ladies Home Journal study of young teenagers who had just set out on the road to matrimony, most answered that while their living conditions were quite simple (inexpensive apartment, etc.), among their possessions a television set, was always included.

If it comes to a choice, me, I'll take a bath room any time.

They're Taking Enjoyment Out of Visiting the Sick

A bit of instruction was handed out not long ago in the dailies on how to behave oneself properly when visiting a friend in the hospital, like not too cheerful or too gloomy, not too loud or too long, quit comparing ailments and quit giving free advice.

But the one that bothers me especially is the thumbs-down sign on remarking: "Boy, does that bed look good. I could use some of the rest you're getting."

You mean I should stop saying that to a bed-fast friend?

Now, at Least, We Realize Mentally Ill People Are Human

There's an article, "Mentally Ill, But Still a Human Being," in the November Journal. I didn't read it, but the title reminded me of something I had read in the book "Communal Sick Care in the German Ghetto" by Jacob R. Marcus, president of American Jewish Historical Society.

It seems that both in the Jewish as well as the non-Jewish communities of the 18th and 19th Centuries, the insane must have been regarded as something less than human.

"THE CARE of the insane by the Jews," writes Marcus, "followed in general the pattern of the times. Harmless lunatics and morons were frequently allowed to roam about and to perform menial tasks. Those whose state required that they be watched were locked up. In Frankfort, around 1711, and Breslau, 1781, the Jewish insane were kept in the cemetery, either in the house where the bodies were ritually washed, or boarded with the caretaker of the cemetery." (Why the cemetery and why impose on the caretaker?)

"In Furth, in 1782, some were kept in the local Jewish hospice. Breslau, throughout the second half of the 18th Century, made the attempt to hospitalize its lunatics. When the more modern hospital was built in 1787, the attic, which was almost unbearably hot, was reserved for them.

"THE CHRISTIAN St. Alexius House in Brunswick also housed lunatics on the top floor.

"The petition of the Breslau Brotherhood to the non-Jewish authorities, asking for permission to ameliorate these conditions by permitting the transfer of the insane to other hospitals was rejected.

"In later years, 1816, the venereals and the insane were kept together in a hospital on the cemetery grounds."

Two ships, the Messapia and the Theodor Herzl, and three planes brought almost 600 immigrants to Israel in two days early last week. Most of the newcomers were from Rumania. Total immigration for December was 5,000, the highest of 1958.

TEL AVIV '50TH' SET

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I THINK AS I PLEASE

ALPERT STOPS AT THE SHARON, AND FINDS IT RUN THE 'TOURIST'S WAY'

By CARL ALPERT

HERZLIA—Great as has been Israel's development in many areas during the past ten years, it is safe to say that the most far-reaching improvements have been made in the various branches of that complex industry which is known as catering to tourists. The country still does not have the traditions of a Switzerland, but countless annoyances, inconvienences and discomforts have been eliminated. This has been achieved because the authorities here are willing to learn, and have taken to heart the constructive criticism of both tourists and professional advisers.

Alpert

THE VISITOR'S point of most delicate contact is the hotel. There are now scores of excellent hotels, and the careful supervision exercised over them is assurance that there will be no dropping in standards. Each hotel has its own characteristics, and in a sense its own personality. Some visitors prefer a bustling metropolitan hostelry, with crowded lobby, and much comings and goings. Others favor the small, quiet pensions which compensate for the possible lack of convenience, by the greater economy.

One hotel that has already become something of a tradition is the Sharon, located only a few miles from the heart of Tel Aviv. Visitors who return to it again and again sometimes find it difficult to express what attracts them, but it is certainly not putting words in their mouths to say that it is the successful combination of continental charm with American efficiency. The tourist who returns to his hotel after a long day of sight-seeing wants to be sure there is hot water for a shower; towels and soap; his mail and messages in good order. When he sits down to eat he wants quick service from the waiter, but not the kind of waiter who grabs the plate from under his nose ere he has finished the last bite.

THESE MAY SOUND axiomatic for the running of a successful hotel, but not every American hotel can always measure up to best standards as I discovered again and again on my last trip through the United States.

It's the little things that count. Throughout Europe, the American tourist will find tea, coffee or other beverage is not part of the meal, and is not figured in the cost. Cup of coffee? Extra charge. The steady traveler knows that, but the first-time visitor to Israel is almost always upset to discover, when he gets his hotel bill, that all his beverages have run up into a considerable, unanticipated large figure. Most hotels here shrug it off; that's the way it's done. Not at the Sharon; "Then we'll do it the tourist way," is the reply—and drinks are now a part of the meal, as in America.

THE SHARON is run by papa, mama and junior Levy. Mama runs the kitchen with an iron hand, and with all the ability and instincts of the matriarch, Levy Senior and Junior are the front men, and don't miss a trick. Junior served an apprentice ship in other Israeli hotels, not to discover any secrets of the trade, but to learn what not to do.

A typical Levy habit: a 35-man delegation is checking in this afternoon after a tour of the country. Levy phones one of the escort guides on the road. "What did they have for dinner last night? Boiled chicken? O.K., then we'll have steak." These are the little things that the tourist never knows, but the results show up nevertheless.

A HOTEL IS as good as its staff, and the Sharon runs its own school. Waiters, chambermaids, desk clerks are put through a rigorous course of training and it is a source of rather rueful satisfaction for Levy to note that numbers of his personnel have been attracted into service with other hotels in Israel. Yet a Sharon employee knows that if he does his job well he will be rewarded well. The charming young woman who now serves as chief hostess in the dining room, was only a year ago a busgirl at the dairy bar. A guest here gets the feeling that staff members are really trying to please him.

Of course the Sharon's major attraction is that it is both a transient hotel and a vacation resort. The tourist who has worn himself out tramping around the countryside can still get a lot out of Israel without stirring from the Sharon. It is an ideal place to spend a restful vacation. Ask the Israelis: where do they go for vacation? The Sharon, but the trouble is it's always filled with tourists.

P.S. This column was not written at the request of the management of the Sharon, nor with their knowledge. It just came naturally after three restful yet interesting days here.

BOOKS AND RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

'One Day I'll Be Israel's Leader,' This Youngster Said Over 50 Years Ago-And Look At Him Today!

BEN-GURION, by Robert St. John, $3.95 (Doubleday).

"One day I will be the leader of Israel," confidently declared the boy of Plonsk. This procalmation was realized over 50 years later. St. John, who admires Israel and its leaders, as attested by previous volumes, has so well reconstructed the life of his subject that his book bears the attractiveness of a novel.

Burstein

It is clear that socialism remains B-G's religion, and that he yielded to the rabbis only to avoid schisms, but his loyalty to his fellow-Jews far transcends any early allegiance to Karl Marx. B-G is shown as the extraordinary personality who never lost faith in an ideal in the face of such obstacles as have rarely beset a people or a project.

St. John is shown as an extraordinary biographer, whose book will be read and praised far beyond the lives of subject or author.

THEODOR HERZL, by Israel Cohen, $5.95 (Yoseloff).

Mr. Cohen, almost 80, knew Herzl as a young man, and has always labored in behalf of Zionism and of his co-religionists throughout the world. His "Travels in Jewry" proves him Jewry's outstanding traveler and protagonist.

His experience, his journalistic skill, and the thoroughness of his research have produced the most accurate and definitive biography of the founder of political Zionism. No Jew in history has negotiated with more rulers, prime ministers, plutocrats, and other men of world distinction in behalf of his people than did Herzl.

From every available document, from the Diaries, from living informants, Mr. Cohen has fashioned the history of a great man and a great movement that does full justice to both. Even the contemporary reader will be harrowed by the story of the rebuffs and contentions that helped send Herzl to his grave at 44. But he will rejoice when he considers the new Land, and that it came into being just as Herzl had prophesied it before the turn of the century.

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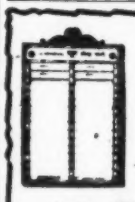
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JESSEL NOT TO BLAME

We can't help but sympathize with George Jessel in his unfortunate error in delivering a diatribe against kashrut at an Israel Bond affair.

The famous Mr. Toastmaster has apologized to Rabbi Baruch Stern of San Diego (P-O, Dec. 26, '58) pointing out that he has spoken with no thought of compensation night and day for Jewish causes, and that if in his hundreds of appearances he has offended by something he said, he is sorry.

The fault is not Mr. Jessel's.

The fault is that of the Jewish community.

When we put a man on a dais, we expect him to be an authority on everything, and soon he gets the impression that he is a Jewish leader. Mr. Jessel is not a Jewish leader. He's a great humorist, an incomparable toastmaster, a brilliant man in his own right.

But the Jewish community, unwilling to listen to its scholars and learned men (one of these heading up a Bond program or even a national rabbinical convention wouldn't draw a minyon) has brought down on itself this state of affairs where a man who has made his mark in other than the Jewish field becomes the idol of the Jewish community.

This is a kind of corruption which the Jewish community is to blame for, but not the Jewish men like Mr. Jessel who give of their time and talents free to be helpful, and who deprive themselves in order to further Jewish causes.

FREE PRESS WILL WIN

We believe that the Israeli press will win out in its fight against suppression of legitimate news, although by the same token we believe that the action taken by the correspondents to the knesset — to boycott news of the knesset for a certain period—was unwise. The responsibility of the press should not be abrogated even in retaliation.

No government is ever satisfied with the press it gets, for by its very nature, the press is an oppositionist force, protecting the underdog, seeking out irregularities and pointing up errors.

But this doesn't mean that the press should be penalized. That government is strongest in the long run which has the strongest press, and it has been Israeli officials who have never failed to point out that Israel has, for its size, one of the most vigorous and free presses of any nation.

CHRISTMAS - HANUKA

In a number of places, men of integrity have bewailed the fact that the Hanuka celebration in aping Christmas has taken on excesses which have transformed the holiday in a way that is unJewish.

We understand the fear of assimilation which has motivated these charges, but we think they are unwarranted.

THERE IS NO gainsaying the fact that Hanuka as it is celebrated today has been greatly influenced by the Christmas celebrations which dominate our environment at this time of the year. Jewish mothers have adapted some of the features of Christmas as a protective device.

Those who challenge this trend point out that at other Jewish holidays when gift-giving is a central part of the celebration, gifts are forgotten altogether, but at Hanuka, when this same feature was a minor adjunct, it has zoomed into a central role.

JUDAISM'S strength has been its ability to adapt from its environment and conversely its weakness has been that non-Jewish activities exert an influence which borders on, and often actually apes, Christianity.

But a strong, resourceful, self-respecting Jewish community need have no fear of being engulfed in this manner. A weak, self-hating community does.

We're betting that the inner strength of the U. S. Jewish community of today is such that it can easily withstand any Christmas impact, and that the development of Hanuka, while incorporating some influences from Christmas, will in the long run be more fundamentally Jewish as the helpful is adapted and the harmful cast out.

40 YEARS IN THE PULPIT

The 40th anniversary of a man in the pulpit who has figured so constructively in the development of the U. S. Jewish community as Rabbi Israel Goldstein is an occasion for reflection on the role played by our leadership in the building of a strong Judaism in the U. S.

Through the past four decades, Rabbi Goldstein has occupied the place in the U. S. Jewish community of builder. Whichever group his organizational ability was devoted to, that group prospered.

As president of various national Jewish organizations, all of them positively oriented as would be expected, Rabbi Goldstein has wielded influence in a way which transcends what only one man might be expected to achieve.

As a Zionist leader, his strong resourcefulness has been felt throughout the Jewish world, and of course specifically here and in Israel. As president of the American Jewish Congress he played his part in transforming that organization from a minor body into a leading national Jewish agency.

Of all the national Jewish leaders Rabbi Goldstein seems to have aged none at all, and his vigor is as much his principal characteristic today as it was we do not doubt on the day in 1918 when he ascended to his first pulpit to offer his services to God.

The EDITOR'S CHAIR . . .

At the risk of boring you, let me revert again to the situation in Norfolk, Va., as far as school integration and the Jewish community there goes.

There is a Presbyterian pastor in Norfolk by the name of William B. Abbot. He's a Southerner himself, from Georgia, educated at Davidson college in North Carolina, and later at Princeton.

When he began to defend the right of Negroes to attend integrated schools, he stirred up a controversy in his own church, with the result that approximately 10 per cent of his 750 members resigned.

AN ALMOST boyish smile that breaks out when you ask him a question which he has to answer by showing himself in a courageous position, reveals the man's true character. This winsome smile made you see that he was honestly doing what he thought a man of God should do, and had not the least bit of pretense about him.

He has a wife and two daughters, and in the tense atmosphere of Norfolk, we're sure he's been threatened, but he would have brushed off this question in the same way he brushed off the question of what could have happened to him as almost the lone churchman in his community that was putting up a vigorous fight for the rights of Negroes to public education.

THE JEWISH community of the U. S. would be proud of a Rev. Abbot as a rabbi.

One of the things which was told to me more than once was a story in the daily newspaper describing the pregnancies in Washington, D. C., among Negro school girls as compared with white girls. It showed such a greater percentage of pregnancies among the Negroes in high schools as against the whites that the imflammatory purpose of the item was clear.

On consideration, one might question both the accuracy of the figures, as also against other considerations which make this kind of news almost like the charges made by anti-Semites against Jews, pure fabrication, but in the devilish way which on the surface makes it appear accurate.

LET'S TAKE this matter of pregnancies and look further into the figures. Does this mean that Negro girls are more promiscuous than their white sisters. Or does it mean that the white girls are in a better position to go through abortions and otherwise hide their sexual indiscretions? We don't know what the true facts are, but we aren't rushing into any unfair charges against an entire group either.

In this connection our second son was telling me about a girl who had just been admitted to a select girls' college who had been out of school for a semester because of an abortion. In her case the family was able to protect the child, and she does not become a statistic against a group.

In last week's editor's chair, we were long-winded not only to the extent that we had to rearrange the editorial page, but in addition the last three paragraphs had to be lopped off. We add them here as a final end to our report on Norfolk.

IN THE TALMUD it says that never judge another person until you are in his same position.

Where a threat of violence hangs over every one's head, and death to dear ones is always a possibility, not to mention economic reprisal, fear can take an awful toll.

The Jews of Norfolk are united, it, seemed to me, in one aspect of the question. They seem to feel that the U. S. administration has failed to take a vigorous position of leadership in the matter and thus almost invited the situation that has developed. They eagerly hope for action by Mr. Eisenhower which will bring about an immediate solution which will permit the reopening of the high schools and a lessening of the tension.

Time—Secular and Sacred

By RABBI JACOB J. WEINSTEIN
KAM Temple, Chicago

Christmas and Hanuka have elements of embarrassment for both Christians and Jews.

Christmas freezes the Christians in a mood of childlike innocence and pacifism, which is alien to the nature of a people who have several times conquered the world and even to this day encompass land and sea to make converts to the true faith. Hanuka freezes the Jew in a gesture of military defiance quite awkward, if not unnatural, for a people who have always despised power and who for almost 2000 years accepted the knout of the oppressor without once hitting back.

Rabbi Weinstein

To compare or contrast the cultures of two traditions on the terms of historic events so untypical of either is to spin words without meaning.

IT IS FAR more useful to compare the secular New Year with the Jewish New Year.

It is not altogether fair to charge the secular New Year to the Christian side of the ledger, except insofar as there is a responsibility on the part of the major religious tradition to rein in the pagan excesses of its devotees. I knew an Azas Panim who justified the bacchanalian fervor of the New Year on the ground that it was the brit mila feast of Jesus, and he did point out to me that Jan. 1 is so recorded on the Christian religious calendar.

Perhaps the unnatural restraints which the ascetic Paulinian doctrine imposes on man's nature demands this kind of violent outlet. A doctrine that denies, when it does not despise, the flesh is bound to engender a defensive over-emphasis on the needs of the body.

IN THEORY, Judaism never denegated the body nor made false distinctions between matter and spirit. But the Jew's more or less tolerated position and the careful restraints placed upon him by the various sumptuary laws helped to make effective the inner-directed moderation of his tradition. It will be fascinating to observe in Israel whether the Jew, now free of majority pressures, needs the antidote of pagan excess to counter the moral sobriety of Judaism.

So far the Purim, Hanuka and Passover celebrations give no occasion for fear; but it must be noted that the first 10 years of the nation's existence have hardly been such as to permit any variation of the "live-today-for-tomorrow-we-may-die" theme.

PERHAPS that will never come to pass, for the Jew, as long as he maintains any organic relation to his tradition, will have a sacred sense of time.

Time is our element, as air to the bird and water to the fish. It is the circulatory life blood of the universe, God's palpable breathing.

Nature was God-informed through the seasonal workings of time in it. We imposed few categories on time's sway, either of night or day, or of the seasons; for time, like God's unity, was indivisible. If we did make a sharp division between sacred and secular, between Sabbath and week days, it was only that we might gather up a double portion of the manna of the spirit to spread over the secular reach of the common day.

HISTORY was a sacred art for the Jew, since it recorded events, and events were coagulations of time, and time was an emanation of God.

As the Greeks were masters of the plastic forms which radiate in space, so the Jews were the musicians of history, moulding temples of the spirit, palaces of morality, out of the ambient filagree of time.

No matter how much we may let ourselves go on the secular New Year, how wildly we blow the tin horns, or how bellicosely we sing "Auld Lang Syne," we somehow hear the poignant counter wail of the shofar and the deep upsurge of the rhythmic beat which tells us that God's breath, the sacred stuff of time, deserves a better use.

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Bids AJCommittee, ADL Rejoin NCRAC; Backs Rabbi Prinz

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
A considerable amount of misunderstanding has arisen as a result of certain remarks made by Rabbi Prinz at a local meeting of the American Jewish Congress chapter.

His statements should be considered in the context of present circumstances relating to bombing incidents to synagogues that have taken place throughout the South. Dr. Prinz made the point, and in my opinion correctly so, that the Joint Defense Appeal is using these incidents as a springboard for a supplemental national campaign of $500,000.

It is stated that this fund is to be used in augumenting the manpower necessary to combat the rise of anti-Semitism throughout the South. No one engaged in the field of community relations will attempt to minimize the gravity of the situation. Many observers believe that the bombings are the backwash of a general disregard for law and order engendered by the flouting of Supreme Court decisions relative to desegregation by the duly constituted state authorities.

DEFINITE conclusions as to the causative factors of the bombings are unnecessary for the purposes of the present discussion. It is sufficient to point out that the NCRAC, a national consultative agency, composed of community relations councils throughout the country, and a considerable number of national lay and religious organizations are devoting a considerable portion of their time and effort in connection with this problem.

The American Jewish Committee and the ADL, which are joined for fund-raising purposes, in the Joint Defense Appeal, were previously affiliated with the NCRAC. The Anti-Defamation League's affiliation was through the B'nai B'rith, of which it is a component.

A NUMBER OF YEARS ago, these organizations withdrew from the NCRAC, following the recommendations made in the McKeever report, which recommended allocation of various phases of community relations activities to each of the national agencies. Implicit in their withdrawal was the feeling that the autonomy of the separate organizations was being threatened if certain recommendations in the McKeever report were implemented.

Now, more than ever before, it is necessary that these two organizations reunite with the NCRAC. The necessities of the current situation, and the maturity of the constitutent organizations of the NCRAC, should make it possible for divergent views to be reconciled. There are many critical problems to deal with in the field of community relations requiring united action.

LET THE American Jewish Committee and B'nai B'rith rejoin the NCRAC so that all phases of community relations problems may be considered in a national forum.

It must be remembered by these two organizations that separatism and divisiveness do not help to solve problems that are the concern of Jewry throughout the country. The gravity of the problems makes it necessary for all national Jewish organizations to unite, instead of fragmentizing their efforts.

EMANUEL N. DEITZ,
Chairman,
Commission on law and social action, Indianapolis Chapter of American Jewish Congress.

RABBI PRINZ did not mention the words "Joint Defense Appeal" during his talk in Indianapolis or during the question and answer session afterward, and The POST and OPINION did not say that he did. Only by a combination of Rabbi Prinz' denunciation of organizations that are trying to make an anti-Semitic issue out of the recent temple bombings (P-O, Oct. 7, Dec. 12) and Julian Freeman's "point of information" can we derive any inferred charges against the JDA. Freeman made no charges, and Rabbi Prinz named no names.—Arnold Rosenzweig.

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Says Welfare Agencies Hold Key To Co-ordination

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
I read with interest your timely article "This Annual Plea Useless" (P-O, Dec. 19, '58).

It is not useless if the Jewish community would have it otherwise. It is useless only because the community it either ignorant or indifferent of the facts.

It seems that you too fall into the same error when you say that "this does not mean that the ADL and the American Jewish Committee are not powerful agencies doing excellent work." The fact is they are doing us a disservice by making unilateral statements and taking opposite positions from each other on behalf of the community.

This tends to confuse not only our own people, but public officials whom we are approaching in matters of serious concern to our people.

All this can be remedied. The welfare agencies providing the funds for these activities have the key to the solution of this problem by threatening to withhold allocations to those defense agencies who refuse to co-ordinate their activities.

Unless this is done, this chronic condition of financial waste, competition and duplication will continue to the detriment of our people.

I. TEITELBAUM.
New York, N. Y.

Calls Demands That Tobacco Co. Deal With Israel Misdirected

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
I notice from your Dec. 19, 1958, issue the Brown & Williamson matter is making the front page again instead of having been left in the limbo of lost crusades.

Here was a case of misdirected zeal par excellence: Demanding of a "profit-making organization" to abide by the tenets of absolute morality and exchange a most profitable business account for a considerably lesser one.

I could find justification for a drive against the company if by refusing to accept Israel money for its products it was depriving that country of some essential commodity, but I'm sure Israel's existence will not be impaired by missing out on the aroma of Lucky Strike and Pall Mall ciggies.

It is our right, however, as citizens of the USA to demand that our government act in all matters in accordance with constitutional principles.

Had we not supinely acquiesced in the flagrant discrimination against Jewish Americans by U.S. authorities, beginning with the Dahran airport, the present sorry state when the Arabs dare to extend their anti-Israel boycott even against American businesses of Jewish ownership would never have arisen. As Goethe aptly put it: 'Tis the curse of the evil deed that it must needs bring forth evil."

J. S. OESTREICHER.
New York 52, N. Y.

Lauds Weinstein For 'Panning' BB Honoring Baruch

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
I am sure that a great many of your readers were, like me, highly pleased with Rabbi Jacob J. Weinstein's article in the Dec. 19, 1958, issue.

The great man, as well as the great Jewish organization, well deserved to be panned and told . . . that their way is not the right one!

Thanks, Rabbi Weinstein, for saying the right word at the right time. . . . It was a public service very well done.

I am still waiting . . . for a like expression on the editorial page on the ugly subject of pig-raising in Israel on Jewish National Fund land, in kibbutzim that were and still are subsidized by public funds raised for the upbuilding of Israel. . . .

DR. SIMON MILLER.
Yonkers 2, N. Y.

REPORT OF ONLY ONE MURDER IN ISRAEL OFF; HERE'S COUNT

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
In your issue of Oct. 24, that has just reached be . . . Menachem Amir, a 23-year-old Fulbright scholar, is reported to have said that "only one murder was committed in Israel during the last five years to his knowledge."

Amir doesn't know what he is talking about.

The official government "Statistical Abstract of Israel, 1957-58" gives on Page 376 the following figures of murders dealt with by the police during the past five years:

1953—66; 1954—55; 1955—30; 1956—56; 1957—30.

EDWIN SAMUEL.
Jerusalem

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Accuses Isserman of Maligning UAHC President Eisendrath

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
I have just seen a piece from your Missouri edition of Nov. 7 entitled "From the Rabbi's Study" over Rabbi Isserman's initials, which someone has called "Too Long Too Long."

[Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman charged in his column that the "assumption of power" of Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, "has cast its shadow over Reform Judaism" and declared that "by having one rabbi in a place of authority so long, American Reform Judaism may be leaning toward the establishment of a chief rabbinate and an ecclesiastical hierarchy."—Ed.]

RABBI ISSERMAN is certainly entitled to hold and express his opinions regarding the president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Rabbi Maurice N. Eisendrath. However, he is not entitled, either as a rabbi or as a columnist, to misstate the facts concerning Rabbi Eisendrath's election and service as president of the Union. . . .

Isserman's statement that "Eisendrath suggested that he be named president of the Union" [before his election as president in 1946] is utterly without foundation. [Isserman's] embellishments of this unsupported statement [in recalling the apparent view of that time] that "it [the presidency] would only be a title," [and in saying] that "Rabbi Eisendrath is not the man to carry an empty title," and that the "initial empty title" gave Rabbi Eisendrath "the opportunity to seize full control and to usurp powers initially intended for a layman" are not only unsupportable but malicious as well.

RABBI ISSERMAN knows full well that that at the meeting of the general assembly of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations following the board meeting [in December, 1946] . . . congregational delegates from all over the nation voted overwhelmingly to confirm the board's action [of electing Rabbi Eisendrath president of the Union].

IRVIN FANE.
Kansas City 5, Mo.

CALLS BRIN NEUROTIC, ATTACK UNREALISTIC

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
On Nov. 12, the Aufbau, German-American weekly, sponsored a memorial meeting to recall to memory the sorry occasion of the burning of the sacred scrolls, holy books, synagogues, and temples in Germany, 20 years ago.

Rabbi Joachim Prinz was the principal speaker, along with Manfred George, the editor.

I WAS DEEPLY moved and impressed by the power and the immense fount of knowledge and experience with which Dr. Prinz approached his point. I recall a portion from his speech which dwelled upon the fact that now after 20 years after the defamation, Jews were still living in Germany.

As Dr. Prinz said, it was not for him or for anyone to tell or advise people where to live, but this phase of Jewish history has not been written yet—the brutality, the bestiality, and the terror which was suffered by and cast upon the Jewish people in Germany during the Hitler reign.

IT BEHOOVES me to write this to you after reading the letters and the article concerning Herb Brin's attack upon the German-Jewish people (P-O, Oct. 17).

In all fairness, it is highly unrealistic and very neurotic of this personality—Herb Brin—to attack the very people who made and were a part of the history which in all of Judaism has been called the bloodiest and most crucial. . . .

LUCILLE BLACKTON.
New York 23, N. Y.

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Must Not Forget German Brutality

• Editor, Jewish POST and OPINION:
For some now we have all been exposed to a great amount of verbiage regarding the guilt or innocence of the German people in their relationship with the Jews.

It is always easy, when sitting back in secure homes, with stuffed stomachs, and $1 cigars, to pass off the whole historical record as something to be forgotten. It is true that we, as human beings, do not have the power to forgive as God might do, but we do have an obligation not to forget.

The past years in Germany have given us an example of brutality at its best, for which all Germans are responsible. Let us also not forget that if we choose not to turn the other cheek at this time it is because the Germans have been good teachers.

I give my whole-hearted support to Rabbi Moshe M. Maggal, whose letter appeared in the Dec. 19 issue of The POST and OPINION.

Rabbi SANFORD M. SHAPERO.
Congregation B'nai Israel
Elmira, N. Y.

The Board of Governors and staff of B'nai B'rith mourn the passing on December 25, 1958, of JOHN HORWITZ of Oklahoma City, distinguished leader and devoted friend. As vice-president of B'nai B'rith, he served the order with high distinction. His untimely death at the age of 45 marks a great loss to B'nai B'rith and the Jewish community. Expressions of sorrow go out to the members of his family and his many friends.

Temple Bombing, Intended to Terrify, Instead Blasts Fear Out of Men's Hearts

This is an advance copy of the text of a radio address to be delivered this Sunday, Jan. 4, by Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild, whose Temple in Atlanta was wrecked by a bomb explosion on Oct. 12.

By a coincidence, the Temple had been in the process of preparing to launch a drive for new facilities. Damage to the shattered structure was in the neighborhood of $200,000. The $750,000 goal was oversubscribed in a quick campaign by $100,000.

By Rabbi J. M. ROTHSCHILD

The night was clear and very quiet. A myriad of stars twinkled in the darkened heavens. A city slept — secure and unaware. In a few hours, streets would be busy with cars and sidewalks bustling with fathers, mothers and their children—all hastening to fill countless pews in hundreds of Houses of Worship. For this was the early morning of another Sunday and the city was a city of churches; its citizens a deeply religious folk. But this was destined to be a Sunday morning different from all those that had gone before it. For the date was Oct. 12, 1958—and the city was Atlanta, Ga.

A SHATTERING blast rent the silence of that quiet night Walls crumbled Pillars fell The clear, high sound of tinkling glass added a note of shrillness to the symphony of destruction A Temple had been bombed.

How loud was the sound of destruction? How far had it traveled? An investigation indicated that calls had come from miles around. It had been heard at Sandy Springs—a village 10 miles distant.

BUT FUTURE events were to prove that its reverberation could not be measured by physical distance alone. Once the light of day revealed the awesome destruction, its raucous thunder was quickly heard by an entire nation and found its way inward to the deepest recesses of the souls of men everywhere.

What message was the explosion meant to deliver? What effect was it supposed to have? Its intent was clear enough. That was an act designed to strike terror into the hearts of men. It was intended to cause panic and confusion. It was to say to an already fearful minority: "You are not wanted here Don't speak; don't preach the ideals of your religious faith. You are second-class citizens marked for a life of fear."

AND MORE than this. It was to say to all the bewildered and confused people of America: "Terror is at hand. We have the means to spread terror and rule by force. Law is dead. We are the law."

Never was a message so garbled in its transmission Never did a band of violent men so misjudge the temper of the objects of their acts of intimidation. For this is what really happened: Out of the gaping hole that laid bare the havoc wrought within, out of the majestic columns that now lay crumbled and broken, out of the tiny bits of brilliantly colored glass that had once graced with beauty the sanctuary itself—indeed, out of the twisted and evil hearts of bestial men has come a new courage and a new hope.

THIS SINGLE act of devastation has taught lessons which all words, all prayers, all pleas had been unable to teach. It is these truths of which I would speak to you today.

The first of them is that this must be a land ruled by law and not by men. This was always a truism in American life. None doubted it. Yet, now, for the first time, its real meaning has become clear. To advocate the disregard of one law creates an atmosphere of lawlessness in which men feel that they can choose the rules by which they will live. Once man decides that it is within his personal province to decide which laws he will obey and which he will ignore—then there is no law at all. And this is anarchy.

SOUTHERN leaders have made possible—unwittingly, I am sure—the creation of just such a society as this—a society without control by law, a government of anarchy. To be sure, they do not advocate violence. They, themselves, abhor it. But their words loose the uncontrolled passions of men who are quick to get their way by violence and who seize the opportunity in their march for personal power.

Thus, it is clearer now than ever before that we must restore America to the rule of law.

And that law must be the moral law. This is the second we have learned.

IT IS NOT EASY to live by the rigorous demand of our spiritual forebears. Yet, it is more dangerous not to. For every time we stray from the paths they have set for us, we bring ourselves near to danger and destruction. The difficult way is still the safest way, after all. Once again we are confronted with and challenged by the prophetic ideal that teaches us that all men are brothers, that justice and righteousness must prevail, that only the work of righteousness shall bring peace to the world, that we must love our neighbors as ourselves and pursue with diligence the path of justice.

It is the moral law that undergirds the very foundations of democracy. Our country is founded upon the biblical ideals first taught by the prophets of Israel and later incorporated in to the ideology of Christianity We know it today as the Judeo-Christian tradition. When we fail to live by the spiritual truths of our religious faith, we weaken the principles of democracy. And conversely, when we fall short of the goals of freedom and equality set forth by the founders of our Republic, we have demeaned our religious faith. Long ago, a biblical writer set forth the challenge in simple and stirring words: "Behold, I have set before thee this day life and good, the blessing and the curse; therefore, choose ye life."

WE HAVE NOW determined to meet the challenge in our own day. We, too, shall choose the good so that we may have life.

It is in the realm of choice that the third lesson lies. For who is to blame for the wave of violence that has swept across our land? The guilty ones are not alone the political leaders whose words fan the flames of hatred and incite to violence. Not even those who perpetrated the very acts themselves bear all the blame.

RESPONSIBILITY RESTS equally with those good and decent people who choose to remain silent in such a time. Too many of us, motivated by fear, led by the desire to be comfortable and safe, have failed to live by the ideals which we know to be right and good. Now we have discovered at long last what can happen when men are afraid to speak and when they allow the shadow of cowardice to creep into their souls.

Thus, a strange phenomenon has taken place: Where the fear of violence did serve to silence men, the act of violence has freed their tongues and loosed their hands for the work of righteousness. So men, now, say aloud what they have always known in their hearts to be true but could not bring themselves to utter.

EDITORS, ministers, educators, men and women in every walk of life have demonstrated a new-found determination to affirm with courage the principles by which men must live. The curtain of fear has been lifted. Decent men are at last convinced that there can be no retreat from their ideals.

Neither violence nor the threat of violence shall force us to abrogate the spiritual foundations of life itself. We do not make such an affirmation out of sheer bravado. We do not say it just to keep our spirits high. We affirm our spiritual heritage because we know that only when man—every man—lives by God's law, no matter how dangerous or difficult it may seem to be—that only then can he find personal security and help achieve peace and tranquility for all humanity.

NOR DO WE stand alone. On that certain knowledge rests the most heartening lesson we have learned. This dastardly and despicable act of desecration has roused the conscience of decent men and women everywhere The countless messages of comfort and encouragement that came to us expressed the shock and revulsion of all America They were addressed to us, but their words bring comfort and hope to all whose hearts have been gnawed by fear and whose souls were corroded by doubt. They assure us that the dynamiters — whoever they are — do not represent America. They are a cancer to be cut out of the body politic and left to die. Except for these few—our letters tell us—all Americans stand united and strong — a people dedicated to righteousness.

On that fateful morning in October, one building dedicated to the worship of our Heavenly Father stood in ruins — mute witness to the evil that lurks in the hearts of men, when men are ruled by hate. But our answer speaks to them, louder even than the monstrous blast that pierced the silence of a peaceful night. The symbols of that answer stand untouched and strong in every Jewish House of God—even as they still stand in our sanctuary which bears even yet the scars of man's sad failure to become worthy of his status as a child of God.

HERE BURNS the Eternal Light with its shining message of reassurance and faith. God lives, it tells us. He dwells in every human heart—if only we will seek to find Him there. Even as this light is everlasting, so God lives eternally. Even as this light never fades, so our faith in Him cannot be extinguished by the wanton acts of witless men.

Here are the scrolls of the Mosaic law. Crowned with their silver ornaments, the scrolls bear proud witness to the word of God, to the ideals toward which man must ever strive. This law still lives in our hearts, still beckons our steps, still lifts us up to a vision of universal brotherhood and a world of peace. No — the lamp of our faith has not been dimmed, nor the word of God blurred.

ON THE CONTRARY, this despicable act has made brighter the flame of courage and renewed in splendor the fires of determination and dedication. It has reached the hearts of men everywhere and roused the conscience of a people united in righteousness. All of us, together, shall rear from the rubble of devastation a city and a land in which all men are truly brothers—and none shall make them afraid.

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